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Hammam Yahya <hammamkyahya@gmail.com>
To: Sarah Thomas <sarah@noblelawfirm.com>

Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 5:02 PM

Hi Ms Thomas,

Here I forward to you my first correspondence with the consular office.

Best,
Hammam

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Date/Time Case Opened:	7/7/2019 9:08 AM
Description:	<p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am Hammam Yahya, passport number 4629801 and visa application number AA008ZLZDF. I am an attending psychiatrist and an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM.</p> <p>I have applied for an H-1b visa on June 13, 2019. It has been in administrative processing since then. I fully appreciate that this is a necessary process and that it should take the needed time. I just want to inquire if there is any further information that I could get as far as the status of my visa application.</p> <p>I had my H-1b status approved in July 2018, and I have been working as a psychiatrist and assistant professor at UNM for almost a year. Albuquerque is an under-served area and I hope to be able to get back to work soon to avoid any interruption in my patients' care.</p> <p>If I could be of any assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me any time at my email hammamkyahya@gmail.com or my cell [REDACTED]. You could also contact the chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UNM, Dr. Mauricio Tohen, if you have any questions regarding my work at UNM. His email is mtohen@salud.unm.edu, and his cell is [REDACTED]. I truly appreciate your help with this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hammam Yahya, MD</p>
Origin:	Email
Case Reason:	Visa
Public Response:	<p>Dear Applicant,</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the US Visa Services Desk.</p> <p>We understand that you wish to know your visa application status.</p> <p>We would like to inform you that your application requires additional administrative processing. Please note that the length of processing time will vary based on the circumstances of each case. Please be patient.</p> <p>If you are a nonimmigrant applicant, you may check your DS-160 and visa application status online here: https://ceac.state.gov/geniv/ by entering your interview location and your DS-160 barcode number.</p> <p>We hope this information is helpful to you.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/gss_jordan to share feedback on the services we provide.</p> <p>Sincerely, U.S. Visa Service Desk.</p>

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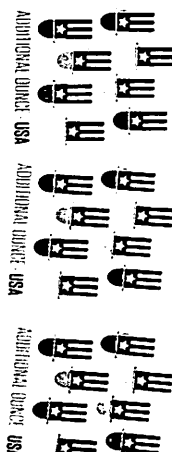
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Albuquerque, NM 87109

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich
400 Gold Ave. SW
Suite 1080
Albuquerque, NM 87102





Contact Information

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Gender: male

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Phone: 5053526660

Case Information

Federal Agency Involved: U.S. Dept. of State

Claim #: [REDACTED]

Have you contacted another Congressional office about this case? No

Immigration and Department of State Cases Only

A #: N/A

CIS Receipt #: WAC1811751532

Preference Category : N/A

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Native Country and Passport #: West Bank; [REDACTED]

Country of Birth: West Bank

Embassy or Consulate Location(City, Country): Amman, Jordan

Constituent Authorization

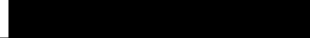
Please Return to:

U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich
400 Gold Avenue, SW, Ste 1080
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

I hereby request the assistance of the Office of Senator Martin Heinrich to resolve the matter described above and authorize Senator Martin Heinrich or his staff to receive any information that may be needed to provide this assistance. The information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. The assistance I have requested from Senator Martin Heinrich is in no way an attempt to violate any federal, state or local law.

Signature:  **Date:** 08/05/2019

Social Security Number: 

DOB: 



Subject: CASE - Immigration / Visas / Deportation

Briefly describe your situation:

I have an H-1B status issued in July 2018 and valid through June 2021. I traveled to Jordan for my paternity leave two months ago, and applied for H-1B visa stamp at the American Embassy in Amman, Jordan. At the end of the interview, the interviewer gave me a piece of paper with additional information required, including previous addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, social media accounts, previous travels, and others. Some of these were required for the past 5 years, others for the past 15. She asked me to email this info to an email address, which I did on the same day. The visa has been in

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Fatigue and burnout are big concerns for our psychiatrists. Work hours at UNMPC are very long and it is difficult for our psychiatrists to take leave for vacation or rest. Dr. Yahya's absence adds tremendously to this issue, and we are quite concerned that this will lead to further departures of other faculty members already working beyond what would be expected.

Thank you for your consideration in this manner, and for helping to get Dr. Yahya back to his clinical role as soon as possible

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I-797A | NOTICE OF ACTION | DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Receipt Number WAC1811751532		Case Type I129 - PETITION FOR A NONIMMIGRANT WORKER
Received Date 03/15/2018	Priority Date	Petitioner UNIV OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES.
Notice Date 07/16/2018	Page 1 of 2	Beneficiary YAHYA, HAMMAM K A

UNIV OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES c/o BARBARA E ROWE BARBARA E ROWE ATTORNEY AT LAW 1307 RIO GRANDE BLVD NW STE 11 ALBUQUERQUE NM 87104	Notice Type: Approval Notice Class: H1B Valid from 07/16/2018 to 06/30/2021
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The above petition and change of status have been approved. The status of the named foreign worker(s) in this classification is valid as indicated above. The foreign worker(s) can work for the petitioner, but only as detailed in the petition and for the period authorized. Changes in employment or training may require you to file a new Form I-129 petition. Since this employment or training authorization stems from the filing of this petition, separate employment or training authorization documentation is not required. The I-94 attached below may contain a grace period of up to 10 days before, and up to 10 days after the petition validity period for the following classifications: CW-1, E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B, H-2B, H-3, L-1A, L-1B, O-1, O-2, P-1, P-2, P-3, TN-1, and TN-2. H-2A nonimmigrants may contain a grace period of up to one week before and 30 days after the petition validity period. The grace period is a period of authorized stay but does not provide the beneficiary authorization to work beyond the petition validity period. The decision to grant a grace period and the length of the granted grace period is discretionary, final and cannot be contested on motion or appeal. Please contact the IRS with any questions about tax withholding.

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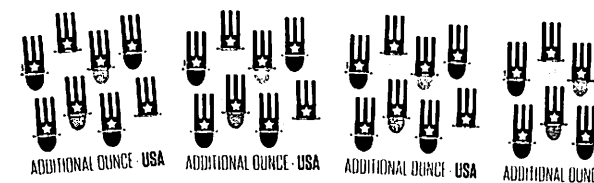
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Petitioner: UNIV OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES

14. Family Name YAHYA	
15. First (Given) Name HAMMAM K A	16. Date of Birth [REDACTED]
17. Country of Citizenship PALESTINE (BORN BEFORE 1948)	



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Tom Udall
Senator for New Mexico
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Case Authorization and Privacy Release Form

Your Information

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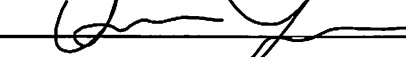
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Are you working with any other NM Delegation member ? **Whose office:**
Yes Senator Heinrich

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I hereby request and authorize United States Senator Tom Udall and/or members of his staff, to make an inquiry on my behalf in addressing this matter. I further understand that I will save harmless any agencies divulging information pursuant to this release of information, as well as Senator Tom Udall and/or any representative of his staff in these matters.

Signature: 

Date: 08 / 05 / 2019

Please sign and return to the office nearest you:

Albuquerque

400 Gold Ave SW
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87102
(505) 346-6791

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Las Cruces, NM
88001
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